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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Why is the Hon. Minister uncertain and uninformed of the whole position? As a responsible Minister of a State, is it not necessary that he should be fully informed of the whole position?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may admit that I am not so informed as the hon. Member about so many other things.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : On a point of order, Sir. My question is a simple and straightforward question and the question of my being informed about other matters does not arise or is the concern of this Minister. As the responsible Minister of a State he should inform the public about the whole position. If the Centre has conducted a survey, it is the duty of the Centre to inform as also the right of the State to find out the whole position and make the information available and not give the light-hearted answer that he is accustomed to.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : On a point of information. Sir. May I know what the Hon. Minister meant by saying that the hon. Member was better informed about so many subjects? On what subjects he is better informed?

MR. SPEAKER : I pass on to the next question.

* 47 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reconnaisance work has been conducted on the Madras beach during the year 1955–56 to find out the availability of monazite deposits ;

(*b*) if so, the results of the survey ; and

(*c*) the steps taken for the excavation of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Improvement of orchards

* 48 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received any financial assistance from the Centre during the year 1956 for the improvement of orchards; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether there is any proposal to start orchard centres?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. There are proposals for the starting of 10 orchard-*cum*-nursery centres by the Government in 10 districts at a cost of Rs. 14 lakhs during the Second Five-Year Plan period. There is also a proposal to start orchards by private parties with the aid of interest-free loans of Rs. 30 lakhs to private parties. These proposals are under examination and we have been corresponding with the Government of India with regard to the financial assistance that we can get from them.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : May I know what is meant by " monazite " and whether the Government have investigated into the utility of that?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : We are on the next question. (Laughter.)

Training to fishermen in mechanized fishing

* 49 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether training centres are proposed to be started to give training to fishermen in mechanized fishing; and

(*b*) if so, the amount allotted for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Rs. 1,38,960.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know when the Government intend to start these training centres?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A sum of Rs. 98,660 had already been sanctioned for the training centres and they will be taken up presently.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know the names of the centres selected for giving training to fishermen?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Four centres will be run in a year under this scheme. Two centres will be on the East Coast, i.e., at Madras and Nagapattinam and two centres at Beypore and Mangalore, each for a period of six months for the training of fishermen in two batches of 10 fishermen. Then, again, another training centre will be started at Tuticorin under the Technical Co-operation Mission Project.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know when this is likely to materialize though it has been in the offing for so many years? So far not one trained person has come out from the fishermen community.